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2. Expansion of UN military operations in Korea by carrying out air attacks on Manchurian air bases in the immediate vicinity of the Yalu River.

a. Sustained UN air attacks against Communist aircraft and air bases along the Manchurian border of North Korea could seriously impair the Communist capability to (1) attain air superiority in North Korea and (2) threaten the position of UN forces in Korea by air attacks.

b. The Chinese Communists would react by dispersing their aircraft and bringing to bear their maximum air defense capability. They would also attempt to increase their air action against UN forces, installations, and ships in the Korean area.

c. The USSR would probably react by committing additional elements of its own air defense forces to the air defense of Manchuria and North Korea.

d. If these measures proved unsuccessful in countering the US effort, the Communists might seek an armistice. In any event, they would probably seek an armistice before committing Soviet air forces over UN-held territory or Soviet ground forces to combat against UN ground forces.

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